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1. The German Economic Commission (DWK) has been informed by the SMA that the work done by the Planning Department has been highly satisfactory, but that the Hauptverwaltungen in charge of carrying out the plans have thoroughly failed in their duty.
2. The SMA has already decreed that the "operative control of the economy" shall revert to the SMA state agencies, which means a return to the 1945-46 status quo.
3. It is now highly questionable whether the Hauptverwaltung "Materialversorgung", which had been set up to direct the distribution of raw materials and semi-finished products to industry and which was to be assisted by the Deutsche Handelsgesellschaft, will continue to function. The decision of the SMA is a blow to the DWK and especially to Fritz Selbmann, who had advocated that responsibility in economic matters and the carrying out of the production plans in the entire Soviet zone should be entrusted to German centralized agencies.

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